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Afghan President Hamid Karzai adjusts his cap during his visit to the Election Commission office in Kabul, Afghanistan, Thursday, April 1, 2010. Karzai told election workers Thursday there had been "vast fraud" in the Aug. 20 ballot but that it was not committed by Afghans.

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Tiger Woods wipes his face during a press conference at the Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga., Monday, April 5, 2010. The tournament begins Thursday, April 8.

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Calexico police officer Luis Casillas walks past windows broken out of a downtown Calexico, Calif. store front after a powerful earthquake centered in Mexico swayed buildings from Los Angeles to Tijuana Sunday, April 4, 2010.

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Strong quake kills two in Mexico, rattles U.S. states

ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press Writers

MEXICALI, Mexico (AP) — Aftershocks rattled the southwest Mexico-U.S. border on Monday morning in the aftermath of a major earthquake that killed two people, blacked out cities and forced the evacuation of hospitals and nursing homes.

Sunday's 7.2-magnitude quake, centered just south of the U.S. border near Mexicali, was one of the strongest earthquakes to hit region in decades, shaking at least 20 million people. It had a shallow depth of 6 miles. But the human toll was minimal in large part because the energy from the quake moved northwest of Mexicali toward a less populated area, said Jessica Sigala, a geophysicist from the U.S. Geological Survey.

"We were just kind of lucky that the energy

went the other way," Sigala said. "With every earthquake, the earth starts moving a certain direction. It started south of Mexicali and the rupture moved northwest."

Building construction has also improved in northern Mexico, a region with a history of quakes, said Carlos Valdes, chief of the Mexican National Seismological Service.

"People see that it always shakes and have improved their construction capacity," Valdes said. "Then when the construction codes are implemented, there is stricter control, especially in larger structures." Still, at least 45 and dozens of businesses homes were destroyed in Mexicali, a bustling commercial center along Mexico's border with California where the quake hit hardest, said Baja California state Gov. Jose Guadalupe Osuna.

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Map locates where a mine explosion in West Virginia left multiple fatalities.

7 dead, 19 missing in W. Virginia coal mine blast

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Associated Press Writer

MONTCOAL, West Virginia (AP) — Rescue teams were trying to locate at least 19 trapped miners in a large underground coal mine where an explosion killed seven workers on Monday, the coal company and mine safety officials said.

Nine rescue crews usually made up of six members each were at the mine that covers several square miles, but it was not clear if they had headed underground yet to pull people out, said federal Mine Safety and Health Administration spokeswoman Amy Louviere.

State mining director Ron Wooten said the blast that happened around 3 p.m. at Massey Energy Co.'s Upper Big Branch mine in Raleigh County, about 30 miles south of Charleston.

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AP source confirms video of Baghdad firefight



This frame grab image taken from a video shot from a U.S. army Apache helicopter gun-sight, posted at Wikileaks.org and confirmed as authentic by a senior U.S. military official, two men in the streets of the New Baghdad district of eastern Baghdad after being fired upon by the helicopter July 12, 2007.

Associated Press

ANNE FLAHERTY

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A gritty war video circulating on the Internet that shows U.S. troops firing repeatedly on a group of men — some of whom were unarmed — walking down a Baghdad street is authentic, a senior U.S. military official confirmed Monday.

The official said the video posted at Wikileaks.org was of a July 12, 2007, firefight involving Army helicopters in the New Baghdad District of eastern Baghdad.

Among those believed to have been killed in that attack was Reuters photographer Namir Noor-Eldeen, 22, and his driver Saeed Chmagh, 40. Two children also were wounded.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly about the video, said the military could not confirm the identities of the Reuters employees in the film. The Pentagon would not confirm the video's authenticity on the record, despite repeated requests from The Associated Press.

"At this time, we are working to verify the source of the video, its veracity, and when or where it was recorded," a statement from U.S. military headquarters in Iraq said late Monday.

The military also provided redacted copies of portions of its inquiry into the July 2007 incident, again without confirming that the incident described in those documents is the same one posted by Wikileaks.

According to a July 19 summary of the investigation, U.S. troops acted appropriately.

Reuters employees were likely "intermixed among the insurgents" and difficult to distinguish because of their equipment, the document states.

"It is worth noting the fact that insurgent groups often video and photograph friendly activity and insurgent attacks against friendly forces for use in training videos and for use as propaganda to exploit or highlight their capabilities," the document concludes.

The incident has been reported before, but the video had not been released.

The video provides a rare, disturbing close-up of modern urban warfare at a time when violence was near its peak in Baghdad and the U.S. death toll was mounting.

In this incident, soldiers flying attack helicopters were called in to assist ground troops who had been pinned down by small-arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades.

According to U.S. officials, the pilots arrived at the scene to find a group of men approaching the fight with what looked to be AK-47s slung over their shoulders and at least one rocket-propelled grenade.

A military investigation later concluded that what was thought to be an RPG was really a long-range photography lens; likewise, the camera looked like an AK-47.

Wikileaks.org posts video and documents passed along by anonymous sources. They posted the video of the July 2007 firefight at "collateralmurder.com."

The shooters can be heard asking for permission to engage, and one says "Light 'em up!" Some men drop immediately, while at least one can be seen scrambling to get away. "Ah, yeah, look at those dead bastards. Nice," one shooter says. □



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COAL MINE BLAST

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The company did not provide details on the extent of the damage or if other miners had made it out on their own.

"We want to assure the families of all the miners we are taking every action possible to locate and rescue those still missing," said Massey CEO Don Blankenship, who confirmed the number of dead and missing in a statement.

The mine is operated by Massey subsidiary Performance Coal Co. It has caches of extra oxygen along emergency escape routes and airtight chambers designed to provide enough air to keep miners alive for four days if they can't make their way out, according to Randy Harris, an engineering consultant who oversees installation of high-tech gear.

Federal records show three miners have died on the job at Upper Big Branch since 1998. The mine produced 1.2 million tons of coal in 2009, according to the mine safety agency, and has about 200 employees, most of whom work underground. They would not have all been working the same shift.

Upper Big Branch extracts the bulk of its coal using a machine called a longwall miner that uses a cutting head to move back and forth across the working face somewhat like a 1,000-foot-long deli slicer.

Massey Energy is a publicly traded company based in Richmond, Virginia, that has 2.2 billion tons of coal reserves in southern West Virginia, eastern Kentucky, southwest Virginia and Tennessee, according to the company's Web site.

MasseyranksamongAmerica's

top five coal producers and is among the industry's most profitable. It has a spotty safety record.

The federal mine safety administration fined Massey a then-record \$1.5 million for 25 violations that inspectors concluded contributed to the deaths of two miners trapped in a fire in January 2006. The company later settled a lawsuit naming it, several subsidiaries and Chief Executive Don Blankenship as defendants. Aracoma Coal Co. later paid \$2.5 million in fines after the company pleaded guilty to 10 criminal charges in the fire. The United Mine Workers labor union said it has personnel nearby and would help non-union Massey if the company asks. The UMW said it also is ready to help families of workers at the mine. Massey is virulently non-union and CEO Blankenship's television set with a UMW fired bullet in it still sits in his office. In 2006, 12 miners died in a methane explosion at the Sago Mine in West Virginia. Six were killed in the collapse of the Crandall Canyon mine in Utah in 2007. West Virginia requires all underground mines to have wireless communications and tracking systems designed to survive explosions and other disasters. While not all mines in West Virginia comply with federal standards, all have systems that meet state requirements, engineering consultant Harris said. Last year, the number of miners killed on the job in the U.S. fell for a second straight year to 34, the fewest since officials began keeping records nearly a century ago.

That was down from the previous low of 52 in 2008. U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration documents show 18 of the deaths occurred in coal mines, down from 29 in 2008; and 16 were in gold, copper and other types of mines, down from 22 in 2008. The deadliest year in recorded U.S. coal mining history was 1907, when 3,242 deaths were reported. That year, the nation's deadliest mine explosion killed 358 people near Monongah, West Virginia. □



Emergency vehicles leave the entrance to Massey Energy's Upper Big Branch Coal Mine Monday, April 5, 2010 in Montcoal, W.Va. after an explosion at the underground coal mine.

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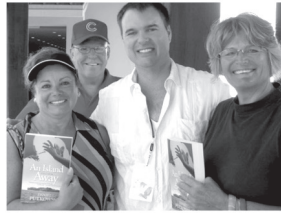
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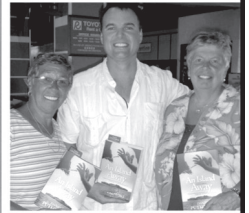
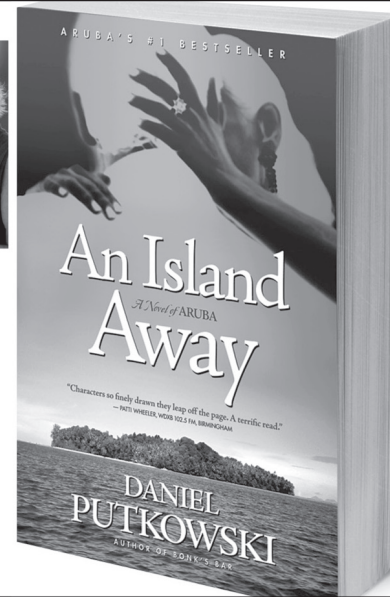
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Toyota faces \$16M fine, accused of hiding defect



In this March 31, 2010 file photo, the Toyota logo is seen on a car displayed at the New York International Auto Show in New York.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government accused Toyota of hiding a “dangerous defect” and proposed a record \$16.4 million fine on Monday for failing to quickly alert regulators to safety problems in gas pedals on popular models such as the Camry and Corolla.

The proposed fine, announced Monday by Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, is the most the government could levy for the sticking gas pedals that have led Toyota to recall millions of vehicles. There could be further penalties under continuing federal investigations. The Japanese automaker faces

private lawsuits seeking many millions more.

Toyota Motor Corp. has recalled more than 6 million vehicles in the U.S., and more than 8 million worldwide, because of acceleration problems in multiple models and braking issues in the Prius hybrid.

Documents obtained from the automaker show that Toyota knew of the problem with the sticking gas pedals in late September but did not issue a recall until late January, LaHood said. The sticking pedals involved 2.3 million vehicles.

“We now have proof that Toyota failed to live up to its legal obligations,” LaHood said in a statement. “Worse

yet, they knowingly hid a dangerous defect for months from U.S. officials and did not take action to protect millions of drivers and their families.” For those reasons, LaHood said, the government is seeking a fine of \$16.375 million, the maximum penalty possible. That dwarfs the previous record: In 2004, General Motors paid a \$1 million fine for responding too slowly on a recall of nearly 600,000 vehicles over windshield wiper failure.

How Toyota decides to respond to the fines could pose a dilemma for the automaker. The company faces 138 potential class-action lawsuits over falling vehicle values and nearly 100 personal injury and wrongful death cases in federal courts nationwide. If Toyota pays the fines, the admission could hurt it in courtrooms. But battling the government over the penalties could undermine the automaker’s attempts to move on from the recalls.

“It may be easier to pay it than to let this keep dragging on and drawing more attention to themselves,” said Jessica Caldwell, a senior analyst with auto research site Edmunds.com.

Toyota did not say whether it would pay the fine. The automaker has two weeks to accept or contest the penalty. “While we have not yet received their letter, we understand that NHTSA has taken a position on this recall,” the company said in a statement, a reference to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration. □

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4 shot, 33 arrested, dozens cited in NYC mayhem

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Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Hundreds of young men spilled into midtown Manhattan near Times Square early Monday, brawling and shooting guns after the New York International Auto Show in an annual night of mayhem the mayor called “wilding.”

Four people were shot and 33 were arrested, mostly on charges of disorderly conduct on the streets not far from the Jacob A. Javits Center, where the auto show is held. Three men and a woman were arrested later Monday on gang assault charges related to one of the shootings, police said. It wasn’t clear whether anyone who fired shots was among those arrested. Another 21 were issued summons for disorderly conduct or were given juvenile reports and released.

Additional officers were on patrol over the night because similar problems have happened during past auto shows, dating at least to 2003, chief spokesman Paul J. Browne said. Last year, there were 27 arrests on the same night. In earlier years arrest numbers ran in the low 20s, Browne said. A teenager was stabbed in a similar ruckus in 2006, and in 2007, another teen was slashed in the arm. Browne described those arrested Monday as “young men looking for trouble” after the auto show.

The fracas rattled businesses near busy districts in Herald Square, as well as nearby Times Square, where an armed street hustler was shot dead by police after exchanging gunfire on the street in December. Auto show spokesman Chris Sams said no one stood out as suspicious Sunday at the show, which runs until April 11 and attracts more than 1 million people. Security at the show is tight, and officials work with police, Sams said. Visitors are

checked when they arrive.

Most of the people arrested were men in their 20s from boroughs other than Manhattan. At least two were known gang members, Browne said; the four people arrested on gang assault charges — three men ages 17 to 23 and a teenage girl — were not believed to have fired any shots, police said. □

In this image taken from video, New York city police detain a group of people near Times Square early Monday, April 5, 2010 in New York. Hundreds of young people spilled into midtown Manhattan near Times Square early Monday, brawling and shooting guns after the New York International Auto Show in an annual night of mayhem the mayor called “wilding.” Four people were shot and 33 were arrested, mostly on charges of disorderly conduct on the streets not far from the Jacob A. Javits Center, where the auto show is held.

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French president's lawyer denounces rumors of affairs



French President Nicolas Sarkozy and his wife, Carla Bruni, arrive at the World Leaders Forum at Columbia University in New York, Monday, March 29, 2010.

PARIS (AP) — The lawyer for President Nicolas Sarkozy argued Monday that Internet rumors involving the president and first lady might have been aimed at taking down the glamorous couple.

Thierry Herzog said reports of “liaisons” were “totally unfounded,” marking an unusual public statement on last month’s rumors posted by a French blog that Sarkozy, and his wife, top model Carla

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Bruni, had been unfaithful. The couple have not commented. “Tonight, I cannot exclude a plot or that some people, for personal or financial interests ... wanted to try to destabilize the president of the Republic

and his wife,” Herzog said in an interview with RTL radio. British newspapers picked up the stories, though the mainstream French press largely shied away — except to comment on the flurry of reports in the U.K.

Sarkozy’s whirlwind romance and marriage in February 2008 to Bruni has been closely watched. It is his third marriage and she, in her younger years, famously dismissed monogamy as untenable.

As the rumors swirled, the couple portrayed themselves as closely united, with lots of hand-holding, during a trip last week to the United States that included a private dinner with the Obamas at the White House. A top presidential aide who helped advise the first lady after her marriage to Sarkozy also denounced what he said was a “disgrace” that would be revealed.

“We want to get to the bottom of this so that it doesn’t happen again,” the Web site

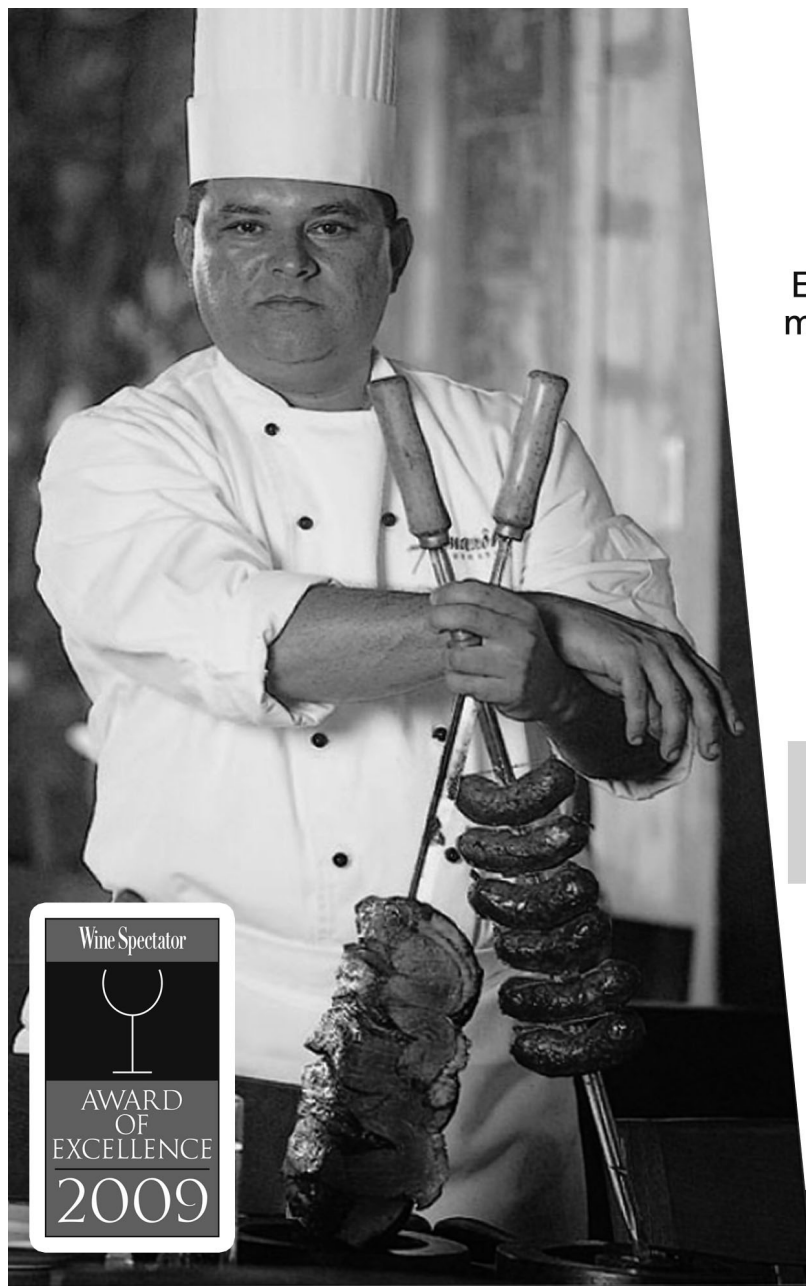
of the newsweekly Le Nouvel Observateur quoted Pierre Charon as saying Monday.

Herzog also confirmed reports that a legal complaint has been filed by the owner of the weekly paper whose blog carried the first rumors. The reported filing of a complaint by Hachette Filipacchi Medias, which owns Le Journal du Dimanche, opened the way for an inquiry.

The probe will try to establish “whether those creating rumors for these blogs did it for themselves or whether they were manipulated (by those) who might want to destabilize the life of the Sarkozy couple,” Herzog said.

Le Nouvel Observateur quoted lawyers for Hachette Filipacchi saying its complaint was filed March 25 for the “fraudulous introduction of information in a computer system.”

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Lawmakers: Afghan leader threatens to join Taliban

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KABUL (AP) — Afghan President Hamid Karzai threatened over the weekend to quit the political process and join the Taliban if he continued to come under outside pressure to reform, several members of parliament said Monday.

Karzai made the unusual statement at a closed-door meeting Saturday with selected lawmakers — just days after kicking up a diplomatic controversy with remarks alleging foreigners were behind fraud in last year's disputed elections.

Lawmakers dismissed the latest comment as hyperbole, but it will add to the impression the president — who relies on tens of thousands of U.S. and NATO forces to fight the insurgency and prop up his government — is growing increasingly erratic and unable to exert authority without attacking his foreign backers. “He said that ‘if I come under foreign pressure, I might join the Taliban,’” said Farooq Marenai, who represents the eastern province of Nangarhar.

“He said rebelling would change to resistance,” Marenai said — apparently suggesting that the militant movement would then be redefined as one of resistance against a foreign occupation rather than a rebellion against an elected government.

Marenai said Karzai appeared nervous and repeatedly demanded to know why parliament last week had rejected legal reforms that would have strengthened the president's authority over the country's electoral institutions.

Two other lawmakers said Karzai twice raised the threat to join the insurgency.

The lawmakers, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of political repercussions, said Karzai also dismissed concerns over possible damage his comments had caused to relations with the United States. He told them he had already explained himself in a telephone conversation Saturday with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton that came after the White House described his comments last week as troubling.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said reports Karzai threatened to abandon the political process and join the Taliban insurgency if he continued to receive pressure from Western backers to reform his government are troubling.

“On behalf of the American people, we're frustrated with the remarks,” Gibbs told reporters.

The lawmakers said they felt Karzai was pandering to hard-line or pro-Taliban members of parliament and had no real intention of joining the insurgency.

Nor does the Afghan leader appear concerned that the U.S. might abandon him, having said numerous times that the U.S. would not leave Afghanistan because it perceives a presence here to be in its national interest.

Karzai spokesman Waheed Omar's phone was turned off and another number for him rang unanswered Monday. Deputy spokesman Hamed Elmi's phone rang unanswered.

The comments come against the background of continuing insurgent violence as the U.S. moves to boost troop levels in a push against Taliban strongholds in the south.

NATO forces said they killed 10 militants in a joint U.S.-Afghan raid on a compound

in Nangarhar province's Khogyani district near the Pakistani border early Monday, while gunmen seriously wounded an Afghan provincial councilwoman in a drive-by shooting in the country's increasingly violent north.

NATO also confirmed that international troops were responsible for the deaths of five civilians, including three women, on Feb. 12 in Gardez, south of Kabul.

A NATO statement said a joint international-Afghan patrol fired on two men mistakenly believed to be insurgents. It said the three women were “accidentally killed as a result of the joint force firing at the men.”

International force officials will discuss the results of the investigation with family of those killed, apologize and provide compensation, he said.

The two men killed in the Gardez raid had been long-serving government loyalists and opponents of al-Qaida and the Taliban, one serving as provincial district attorney and the other as police chief in



Afghan President Hamid Karzai, center, surrounded by his body guards walks through Kandahar city, south of Kabul, Afghanistan, Monday, April 5, 2010.

Associated Press

Paktia's Zurmat district.

Their brother, who also lost his wife and a sister, said he learned of the investigation result from the Internet, but had yet to receive formal notice.

Mohammad Sabar said the family's only demand was that the informant who passed on the faulty information about militant activity be tried and publicly executed.

“Please, please, please, our desire, our demand is that this spy be executed in front of the

people to ensure that such bad things don't happen again,” Sabar said.

In the latest of a series of targeted assassination attempts blamed on militants, Baghlan provincial council member Nida Khyani was struck by gunfire in the leg and abdomen in Pul-e Khumri, capital of the northern province, said Salim Rasouli, head of the provincial health department. Khyani's bodyguard was also slightly injured. □

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A view of destruction caused by a suicide bombing near the U.S. consulate in Peshawar, Pakistan on Monday, April 5, 2010. Islamist militants attacked a U.S. consulate in northwest Pakistan with car bombs and grenades Monday, killing three people, hours after 41 people died in a suicide attack on a political rally elsewhere in the region.

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Associated Press Writer

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — Islamist militants unleashed a car bomb and grenade attack against a U.S. consulate in northwestern Pakistan on Monday, killing four people and striking back after months of American missile strikes against Taliban and al-Qaida fighters in the region.

Hours earlier, a suicide bomber killed 45 people and wounded more than 70 at a rally by a secular political party in the northwest that has supported recent Pakistani army offensives in the region close to Afghanistan, where the United States is battling a related insurgency. The attacks follow a lull in violence since the beginning of the year, illustrating the militants' resilience.

The multi-pronged strike against the consulate in Peshawar city was the first direct assault on a U.S. mission in the country since 2006. Officials said the four attackers in two vehicles hoped to breach the heavily fortified compound and kill people inside, but they failed to do that and caused only minor damage.

They detonated their first suicide vehicle at a checkpoint some 20 meters (yards) from the entrance to the consulate, said Peshawar police chief Liaquat Ali Khan. The second vehicle, which was carrying a larger amount of explosives, was stopped at another security barrier some 15 meters (yards) from the entrance, he said.

"The driver had no option, but to detonate the vehicle right there," said Khan.

The second blast killed two militants wearing suicide vests who were walking ahead of the pickup truck, said Khan.

Some officials and witnesses reported a third or possible fourth explosion. The blasts, some of which were filmed by local television stations, sent huge mushroom clouds over the city. One piece of footage showed a bomb exploding several meters (yards) from two people who had their arms raised in the air as if surrendering.

In Washington, a White House spokesman condemned the blasts.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said in a statement that she was "outraged and deeply saddened" by the attack.

"The assault this morning is part of a wave of violence perpetrated by brutal extremists who seek to undermine Pakistan's democracy and sow fear and discord," Clinton said. "The Pakistani people have suffered grievous losses, but they are standing firm in the face of this intimidation — and the United States stands with them."

The style of the attack — multiple suicide bombs and attackers with conventional weapons — has become an increasingly common one both in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The attackers who fired at the consulate were wearing security uniforms, another tactic insurgents have used in both countries to slip

into guarded areas, said a Pakistani intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

The four people killed in the attack included three security personnel and one civilian, said Khan. Two of the security personnel were employed by the consulate, said the embassy. The third was a Pakistani paramilitary soldier, said police official Sattar Khan.

Pakistani Interior Minister Rehman Malik said the Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack.

Last week, Waliur Rehman, a senior militant commander warned the insurgents were preparing more strikes.

"We know our enemy and will target its installations and facilities for which our special wing is fully ready," he said in an interview in the tribal regions a few hours' drive from Peshawar. "Pakistan has initiated army action in tribal areas to please America. Now the whole of Pakistan is like a battlefield for us."

Al-Qaida and Taliban militants have long had their sights set on the U.S., which has fired scores of missiles at them in their northwestern strongholds over the last 1 1/2 years. Washington has also given billions of dollars in aid to the Pakistani army.

Family members of people assigned to the American embassy in Islamabad and the country's three other consulates in Pakistan were ordered to leave in March 2002 and have not been allowed to return.

The U.S. is only one of three countries to have a diplomatic presence in Peshawar, which has seen repeated militant attacks over the last 18 months. The city is the largest in the northwest and home to its regional government and security force commands.

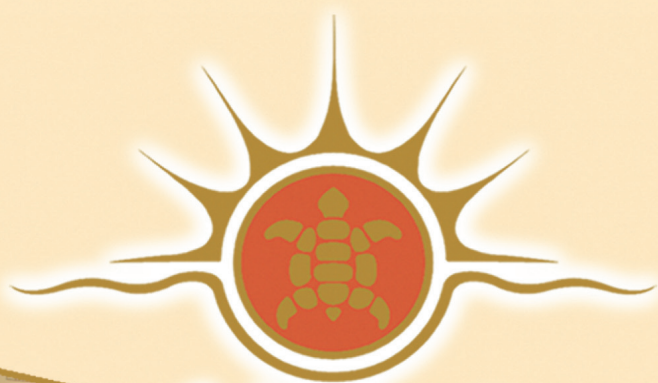
It has long been a vital hub for American interests in the region.

Much of the funds that were handed to Afghans fighting Soviet rule in Afghanistan in the 1980s were channeled through the city.

Post Sept. 11, its proximity to the tribal areas, a likely hiding place for Osama bin Laden, has meant it is vital for U.S. officials to be stationed there. The mission is also important for coordinating the millions of dollars in development funds Washington is spending to try to dry up support for militancy in the desperately poor and badly governed tribal regions.

In August 2008, the top U.S. diplomat at the consulate survived a gun attack on her armored vehicle. Three months later, gunmen shot and killed an American in Peshawar as he was traveling to work for a U.S.-funded aid program in the region.

The last attack against a U.S. mission in Pakistan was in Karachi in 2006 when a militant rammed an explosives-laden vehicle into the car of an American diplomat near the consulate, killing him and three others. □



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Most of the destruction was in small farming communities on the outskirts of the city.

A 94-year-old man was killed when a wall collapsed in his home in the city, and homeless man died when the abandoned home he was living in collapsed in a farming community, Osuna said.

Civil protection authorities said Sunday that another man died when he ran into the street in panic and was struck by a car, but the government did not count him among the earthquake victims Monday.

Across the border in Calexico, police patrolled streets littered with shattered glass Monday and closed off several blocks of damaged historic buildings.

Scientists measured about 100 aftershocks early Monday morning, said seismologist Kate Hutton at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

At least 233 people were injured in Mexicali, most of them struck by falling objects, Osuna said.

The governor added that power had been restored to 75 percent of the city by midday and water service was expected to be restored later Monday. He said it would take time to quantify the damages.

"It's major damage. What interests me more is

reestablishing public services and safeguarding life," he said.

Large cracks opened in the streets of Mexicali. Power lines fell, lamp posts were bent, bricks fell from buildings and furniture and merchandise was strewn around in shops and banks. Wells crumbled and the waters of a canal spilled into some streets.

Mexicali General Hospital's was evacuated because of the structural damage to the building, which also was without electricity and water. Some patients were taken to private clinics but others were in tents. Civil Protection Inspector Alan Sandoval said the most critical patients would be transported to hospitals in Tijuana and the coastal town of Ensenada.

The parking garage still under construction at Mexicali's city hall collapsed, but no one was injured.

Sandoval said the Easter holiday delayed damage assessments for Mexicali, as did landslides that slowed traffic on the toll road into the city.

Scientists said the main earthquake probably occurred on a fault that has not produced a major temblor in over a century. Preliminary data suggest the quake occurred on the Laguna Salada fault, which last unleashed a similar-sized

quake in 1892. Since then, it has sparked some magnitude-5 temblors.

In Calexico, California, a city of 27,000 right across the border from Mexicali, the city council declared a state of emergency.

Calexico police Lt. Gonzalo Gerardo said most of the damage occurred downtown, where buildings constructed in the 1930s and '40s were not retrofitted for an earthquake of this magnitude.

"You've got a lot of cracks. You've got a lot of broken glass," he said. "It's unsafe for people to go there."

Sal Farah, 62, spent the night in his 50-year-old Yturalde Furniture store, fearing it could be looted since the giant storefront windows were knocked out by the quake.

"I didn't get much sleep, especially in the morning when it shook hard again," Farah said, standing in the store littered by broken vases, lamps and shattered knickknacks.

They planned to board up the windows later Monday and hoped to be back in business within a day.

A home for seniors in Calexico built in the early 1900s was evacuated and its residents moved to a Red Cross shelter. The Fire Department also brought some sick and elderly people to hospitals because of power outages and gas



Soldiers drive past a crevice in the aftermath of Sunday's quake on the outskirts of Mexicali, Mexico, Monday, April 5, 2010. The quake, centered just south of the U.S. border near Mexicali, was one of the strongest earthquakes to hit region in decades, shaking at least 20 million people.

Associated Press

problems.

Strong shaking was reported across much of Southern California. The earthquake rattled buildings on the west side of Los Angeles and in the San Fernando Valley, interrupting Easter dinners. In San Diego, there were reports of shattered windows, broken

pipes and water main breaks in private buildings.

If the preliminary magnitude holds it would be the area's largest temblor since the 7.3-magnitude Landers quake hit in 1992, Jones said. There were at least two other 7.2-magnitude quakes in the last 20 years. □



Judge settles key issues in Hopper divorce case



FILE - In this May 22, 2008 file photo, American actor Dennis Hopper and his wife Victoria Duffy Hopper arrive at the amfAR's annual Cinema Against AIDS 2008 gala at Le Moulin de Mougins, southern France.

(AP Photo/Matt Sayles, File)

By ANTHONY McCARTNEY,
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — Dennis Hopper's estranged wife and daughter can live on his property while the couple resolve their bitter divorce case and the actor fights prostate cancer, a judge ruled Monday.

Superior Court Judge Amy Pellman also ordered the actor to pay \$12,000 a month in spousal and child support.

Hopper, 73, did not attend the hearing but was repeatedly described by his attorney as

"desperately ill."

Hopper's three adult children from previous marriages attended but did not speak.

Pellman sternly told both sides they needed to come together during what appeared to be Hopper's final days.

"It's never one-sided," Pellman said of the family turmoil. "There needs to be street-cleaning on both sides of this street."

The judge noted the couple's 7-year-old daughter is about to undergo the traumatic loss of her father and the rhetoric

should be toned down.

"Having her extended family in a war with her mother is not in her best interests," Pellman said.

The rulings came after two months of bickering in court filings, including allegations of abuse by both sides, and jockeying for financial position.

The couple has been married for nearly 14 years. Hopper filed for divorce in January.

"It's heartbreaking and I hope it can be amicably resolved," Victoria Duffy Hopper said

after the hearing.

She has been living in a house at her husband's Venice compound, which is also home to one of his adult children.

She has agreed to remain at least 10 feet away from the "Easy Rider" star and avoid the main home on the property.

She said in court filings the divorce was an attempt to cut her out of her inheritance, an accusation that has been denied. Hopper's attorney, Joseph Mannis, said after the hearing that he was happy with the outcome, aside from

the judge awarding Victoria Hopper \$200,000 in attorney and accountant fees.

He said his side did not intend to further contest the spousal or child support orders but was preparing for a fight over the couple's prenuptial agreement.

The agreement calls for Victoria Hopper to lose her stake in her husband's estate if they are divorced or not living together when he dies.

Another hearing on how to divide Hopper's life insurance policy will be held in May. □

'Titans' takes box-office throne with \$61.2M debut

LOS ANGELES — "Clash of the Titans" could be called "Cash of the Titans." The action tale set in the world of ancient Greek gods debuted as the No. 1 weekend movie with \$61.2 million.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Hollywood.com are:

1. "Clash of the Titans," Warner Bros., \$61,235,105, 3,777 locations, \$16,213 average, \$63,890,110, one week.
2. "Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too?," Lionsgate,

\$29,289,537, 2,155 locations, \$13,591 average, \$29,289,537, one week.

3. "How to Train Your Dragon," Paramount-DreamWorks, \$29,010,044, 4,060 locations, \$7,145 average, \$92,135,916, two weeks.

4. "The Last Song," Disney, \$16,007,426, 2,673 locations, \$5,989 average, \$25,395,041, one week.

5. "Alice in Wonderland," Disney, \$8,208,060, 2,980 locations, \$2,754 average, \$309,733,753, five weeks.

6. "Hot Tub Time Machine," MGM, \$8,070,716, 2,771 locations, \$2,913 average, \$27,910,213, two weeks.

7. "The Bounty Hunter," Sony, \$6,091,907, 3,118 locations, \$1,954 average, \$48,853,453, three weeks.

8. "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," Fox, \$5,302,369, 2,842 locations, \$1,866 average, \$46,013,347, three weeks.

9. "She's Out of My League," Paramount, \$1,516,952, 1,390 locations, \$1,091 average, \$28,712,974, four weeks.

10. "Shutter Island," Paramount, \$1,488,403, 1,356 locations, \$1,098 average, \$123,440,937, seven weeks.

11. "Green Zone," Universal, \$1,248,395, 1,242 locations, \$1,005 average, \$33,118,420, four weeks.

12. "The Ghost Writer," Summit, \$1,127,697, 656 locations, \$1,719 average, \$11,016,593, seven weeks.

13. "Avatar," Fox, \$980,239, 511 locations, \$1,918 average, \$742,332,678, 16 weeks.

14. "Our Family Wedding," Fox Searchlight, \$826,067, 722 locations, \$1,144 average, \$18,602,225, four weeks.

15. "Greenberg," Focus, \$725,294, 186 locations, \$3,899 average, \$2,293,918, three weeks.

16. "Repo Men," Universal, \$576,180, 873 locations, \$660 average, \$13,156,255, three weeks.

17. "Chloe," Sony Pictures Classics, \$512,871, 339 locations, \$1,513 average, \$1,797,090, two weeks.

18. "Remember Me," Summit, \$482,428, 906 locations, \$532 average, \$18,242,661, four weeks.

19. "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo," Music Box Films, \$455,977, 87 locations, \$5,241 average, \$1,438,838, three weeks.

20. "Hubble 3D," Warner Bros., \$436,714, 40 locations, \$10,918 average, \$1,968,671, three weeks. □

Michael Jackson death case assigned to new judge



FILE - In this Monday, Feb. 8, 2010 file photo, Michael Jackson's physician, Conrad Murray, right, arrives for his arraignment at the Airport Branch Courthouse in Los Angeles, where he is expected to face involuntary manslaughter charges in Jackson's death.

(AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes, FILE)

By LINDA DEUTSCH,
AP Special Correspondent
LOS ANGELES — The

involuntary manslaughter case against Michael Jackson's cardiologist has been assigned to a new judge in a brief proceeding in Los Angeles.

Dr. Conrad Murray, his attorneys and prosecutors assembled Monday before Supervising Superior Court Judge Peter Espinoza, who quickly assigned the case to Judge Michael Pastor and sent them to his courtroom.

Issues awaiting the new judge include setting a date for a preliminary hearing and Murray's fight to keep his California medical license. The state attorney general, representing the state medical board, has moved to revoke Murray's license pending trial.

Jackson died from acute intoxication with the hospital anesthetic propofol and other sedatives. Murray has pleaded not guilty. □

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Stronger jobs, services reports send stocks higher

By TIM PARADIS,
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Stronger reports on jobs and the nation's services industries lifted stocks Monday and pushed the Dow Jones industrial average toward the 11,000 mark.

The Dow rose 46 points and moved closer to crossing the psychological benchmark of 11,000 for the first time in 18 months. Growing confidence about the economy hurt demand for Treasuries and drove up interest rates. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note briefly rose to 4 percent, its highest level since June.

The government's report Friday that the economy posted its biggest job gain in three years in March raised expectations that a recovery is taking hold. Reports Monday of strong improvements in demand at services businesses and in the housing market added to an optimistic mood among traders.

The Labor Department said that employers added 162,000 jobs in March. That was fewer than economists had forecast but there was more hiring by private employers and less temporary hiring by the government than expected. The stock market was closed for Good Friday so traders couldn't react to the report until Monday.

Gains in jobs could help the economy by boosting consumer spending.

The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group, said that its index of activity in the nation's service industries rose in March to 55.4 from 53 in February. That was stronger than the reading of 54 economists had forecast. A rise in backorders signaled that businesses aren't keeping up with demand. The index covers industries including health care, retail and financial services.

Meanwhile, the National

Association of Realtors said the number of people who agreed to buy a previously occupied home rose 8.2 percent in February from January. Signed contracts indicate what home sales will do in the coming months. Analysts said some of the gain came from buyers hoping to meet a tax credit that expires April 30.

The reports added to a sense among many analysts that the economy is making strides. Major stock indexes have been climbing for 13 months with little interruption. Since February, stocks have drawn most of their gains from steady advances rather than the big bursts higher that occurred last year.

"The investors that have been buying over the past year are getting rewarded for their expectations that the economy is going to make a turn," said Alan Lancz, money manager at Alan B. Lancz & Associates in Toledo, Ohio.

The Dow rose 46.48, or 0.4 percent, to 10,973.55, its highest close in 18 months. The Dow came within 12 points of 11,000. It hasn't traded above that level since Sept. 29, 2008.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 9.34, or 0.8 percent, to 1,187.44. It also stands at an 18-month high.

The technology-dominated Nasdaq composite index rose 26.95, or 1.1 percent, to 2,429.53. The Nasdaq is at its best level since Aug. 15, 2008.

The day's trading signaled that investors are growing more confident, at least for now. Consumer staples and health care shares lagged. Investors look for these stocks in downturns because the businesses provide necessities. Traders often turn to faster-growing areas when the economy looks ready to recover. Technology, industrial

and consumer discretionary stocks outpaced the gains of other industries.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 13.67, or 2 percent, to 697.65. Investors often pick up shares of small companies ahead of a rebound because they expect earnings will be quicker to improve than at bigger businesses.

The economic numbers pushed Treasury prices lower. The yield of the 10-year note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 3.99 percent from 3.94 percent Friday. □



Trader James Dresch works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday, April 5, 2010.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

More good economic news could help spur hiring

By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
and TALI ARBEL,
AP Business Writers

WASHINGTON — Employers holding out for more evidence that the economic recovery is finally taking hold got some Monday: The nation's service sector is growing quickly, and contracts for home sales are up.

The big question is whether the latest encouraging signs will help embolden companies to hire at a faster pace and bring down the unemployment rate. Some economists and corporate executives say it could. And they say they no longer fear a double-dip recession — in which the end of government stimulus money would tip the economy back into contraction.

Factories are producing more. Americans are willing to spend more. And the economy added 162,000 jobs last month, the most in nearly three years.

"It's much better news than we would have thought a few months ago," said Jennifer Lee, an economist at BMO Capital Markets.

The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group,

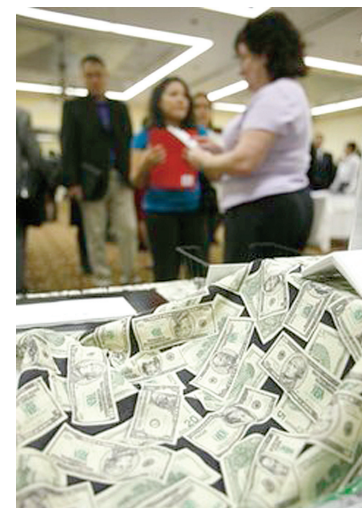
said its service index rose to 55.4 in March from 53 in February. Any reading above 50 signals expansion. It was the strongest growth since ISM revised how it measured the service sector in January 2008.

The service sector is critically important because it accounts for about 80 percent of U.S. jobs, excluding farm workers. It includes jobs in areas like health care, retail and financial services.

Offering more optimism, the National Association of Realtors said the number of people who agreed to buy previously occupied homes rose 8.2 percent in February. The index is considered a signal of future sales activity. Home sales had been sluggish during the winter, partly because shoppers felt less rushed after lawmakers extended the deadline to qualify for a tax credit. The new deadline is April 30.

Both reports suggest the broader economy is recovering, and employers are taking notice.

Recruiters report more interest among their clients in hiring permanent, full-time workers.



In this photo taken March 30, 2010, with a money-patterned table cloth in the foreground, Eve Stacy Meyer, right, of Primerica financial services interviews a job seeker at a career fair put on by National CareerFairs in San Jose, Calif. A private trade group says the U.S. service sector grew in March at its fastest pace since 2007 as the economy adds jobs and consumer spending slowly increases.

(AP Photo/Eric Risberg)

Companies are starting to search for permanent hires in accounting, finance and engineering positions for which they had been relying on temporary help, said Jodi Chavez, senior vice president at Ajilon Professional Staffing.

In some cases, businesses are starting hiring plans at least a month earlier than they had expected, she said. □

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Obama high and wide, Halladay on target

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama was high and wide. Roy Halladay was right on target — as always.

The Phillies backed their new ace with plenty of power, too. Placido Polanco hit a grand slam, Ryan Howard also homered, and Halladay struck out nine over seven innings in his National League debut as the Phillies opened the season Monday afternoon with an 11-1 rout of the Washington Nationals.

The centerpiece of the Phillies' drive for a third straight World Series appearance, Halladay (1-0) allowed one run and six hits and settled down to dominate after the Nationals scored in the first. Ivan Rodriguez doubled to lead off the second, but Halladay then faced the minimum number of batters — with help from a pair of double plays — until the seventh, when he worked out of a two-on, one-out jam. John Lannan (0-1), the



President Barack Obama, wearing a Washington Nationals jacket and a Chicago White Sox hat, delivers the ceremonial first pitch during opening day ceremonies for a baseball game between the Philadelphia Phillies and Washington Nationals, Monday, April 5, 2010, at Nationals Park in Washington.

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Nationals' opening day starter for the second year in a row, lasted only 3 2-3 innings, allowing five runs and seven hits with three walks and no strikeouts.

Cardinals 11, Reds 6

At Cincinnati, Albert Pujols and his St. Louis Cardinals didn't need much help from Big Mac.

The National League's MVP went 4 for 5 and hit two of a team-record four homers on opening day Monday.

Yadier Molina completed the Cardinals' first four-homer opening game with a grand slam in the ninth. Only two other Cardinals have hit slams in season openers — Scott Rolen and Mark McGwire. Big Mac has returned to baseball as the Cardinals' batting instructor this season, acknowledging that he used steroids when he broke the home run record in 1998.

On his second swing of the season, Pujols drove a 2-2 pitch from Aaron Harang (0-1) into the Reds' bullpen area

in left-center.

Chris Carpenter (1-0) had only one shaky inning out of his six on a sunny, 78-degree afternoon. Joey Votto and Rolen hit solo homers in the fourth off Carpenter, who gave up only seven homers last season, when he led the NL with a 2.24 ERA.

Rockies 5, Brewers 3

At Milwaukee, Ubaldo Jimenez stayed out of big trouble with his 99 mph fastball and Ian Stewart homered on his birthday.

Jimenez gave up a run and struck out six in six innings. The Rockies won the matchup between the last two NL wild-card teams.

The 26-year-old Jimenez (1-0) became the first Rockies starter to win on opening day in six years. Milwaukee got the tying run to the plate in the ninth after a shaky outing by Franklin Morales, but he held on for the save with Colorado closer Huston Street on the disabled list.

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Red Sox ace Josh Beckett is \$68M man



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Josh Beckett throws against the New York Yankees in the first inning of the opening game of the baseball season Sunday, April 4, 2010, in Boston.

Associated Press

JIMMY GOLEN

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Red Sox ace Josh Beckett agreed to a \$68 million, four-year contract extension through the 2014 season, solidifying one of baseball's best rotations.

The former World Series MVP and Cy Young Award runner-up said he did not press for a fifth year like the Red Sox gave free agent John Lackey because he was happy to stay with a team that will be competitive.

"This is a special place," Beckett said Monday at Fenway Park news conference, a day after pitching the season opener against the New York Yankees. "I think everybody that's had a chance to play here knows that."

Beckett gets a \$5 million signing bonus, payable when the contract is approved

by the commissioner's office, and annual salaries of \$15.75 million.

The MVP of the 2003 World Series for Florida and a key part of Boston's 2007 title, Beckett allowed five runs and eight hits in 4 2-3 innings on Sunday night in a 9-7 victory over the New York Yankees. By announcing the deal after the season started, Beckett's extension isn't included in luxury tax calculations until next year. If the Red Sox announced it before the opener, it would have raised his average annual pay in this year's calculations, potentially increasing the team's 2010 luxury tax.

The extension gives the Red Sox a long-term look at one of baseball's best rotations.

Lackey signed for five years and \$82.5 million over the offseason. Jon Lester and Clay Buchholz won't be eligible for

free agency until the 2014 season ends. Daisuke Matsuzaka, who is starting the season on the disabled list, is under contract through 2012.

"It's hard to be an elite organization without starting pitching," Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein said. "When you have that pitching, you don't want to let it get away. It's hard to acquire in free agency and it's hard to acquire in trades. This is the building block."

The 29-year-old Beckett had sought a five-year deal comparable to Lackey's, but the Red Sox were thought to be concerned about Beckett's right shoulder. Instead, he gets a modest bump over his teammate, and a big raise from the \$12.1 million he is earning this season in the option year of his previous deal.

"A lot of people look at what you lost. I look at what I gain," he said. □

Eagles trade 6-time Pro Bowl QB McNabb to Redskins

ROB MAADDI, AP

Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Of all the possible landing spots for Donovan McNabb, the Washington Redskins seemed like a longshot.

The Philadelphia Eagles couldn't possibly trade McNabb to a division rival, right? Wrong.

In a surprise move late Sunday, the Eagles sent their star quarterback to the Redskins for a second-round pick (37th overall) in this month's NFL draft and either a third- or fourth-round pick next year.

"You can't say that we didn't think about that," Eagles coach Andy Reid said of having to face McNabb twice a year. "We did, but this was a decision that we thought was best for Donovan and, at the same time, the compensation was right for us. We certainly took into consideration Donovan's feelings here, too."

The trade is the boldest move to date for new Redskins coach Mike Shanahan and could spell the end in Washington for Jason Campbell, the starting quarterback for 3½ seasons. Shanahan already has signed free-agent Rex Grossman as a backup and has been actively scouting the top quarterbacks available in the draft. The Redskins have the No. 4 overall pick.

"I'm really excited about my future with the Washington Redskins," McNabb said in a statement. "I'm eager to work with Coach Shanahan. He's been a very successful coach with a couple of Super Bowl victories on his resume. While it's been my goal to win a Super Bowl in Philadelphia, we came up short. I enjoyed my 11 years here and we shared a lot more good times than bad."

Shanahan can only hope the 33-year-old McNabb works out as well as the last big-time Washington-Philadelphia quarterback deal. The Eagles in 1964 sent Sonny Jurgensen to the Redskins, where he played 11 seasons until he

was 40 and became a Hall of Famer.

"These people never learn," Jurgensen told the Redskins' Web site when informed of the trade on Sunday.

McNabb is entering the final year of a contract and it's unknown whether he is negotiating an extension with the Redskins.

McNabb, a six-time Pro Bowler, led the Eagles to five NFC Championship games and one Super Bowl in 11 seasons.

His failure to lead the team to its first NFL championship since 1960, plus the emergence of Kevin Kolb, made him expendable.

McNabb, the No. 2 overall

pick in the 1999 draft, leaves as the team leader in yards passing (32,873), completions (2,801), attempts (4,746), completion percentage (59.0) and touchdown passes (216). He also rushed for 3,249 yards and 28 touchdowns. □



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AL Roundup

Rangers rally for a 5-4 win over Blue Jays



Texas Rangers' Jarrod Saltalamacchia, center with helmet, is mobbed by his teammates at first base after he hit the game-winning single in the bottom of the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays in Arlington, Texas, Monday, April 5, 2010. The Rangers won 5-4.

Associated Press

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ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Shaun Marcum took a no-hit bid into the seventh inning on opening day for Toronto before the Texas Rangers rallied for a 5-4 win Monday on Jarrod Saltalamacchia's RBI single in the bottom of the ninth.

Texas scored twice in the ninth off Blue Jays closer Jason Frasor (0-1).

Michael Young, the longest-tenured Texas player in his 10th season, had a leadoff double before Josh Hamilton took a called third strike. Vladimir Guerrero then had an infield single, though second baseman Aaron Hill made a diving stab deep behind the base to keep the tying run from scoring.

But Nelson Cruz hit an RBI double down the right-field

line and Chris Davis was intentionally walked to load the bases. Saltalamacchia's flyball to right-center was well out of reach for the drawn-in outfield.

Marcum missed last season recovering from elbow surgery. The right-hander didn't allow a hit until Guerrero's one-out single in the seventh, after walking Hamilton. Cruz, who hit 33 home runs last season, followed with a three-run

homer that tied the game at 3.

White Sox 6, Indians 0

At Chicago, Mark Buehrle pitched three-hit ball over seven innings and Paul Konerko got his 12th season in Chicago off to a good start with a two-run homer in the first inning.

Buehrle simply shut down the Indians, spoiling Cleveland manager Manny Acta's debut and Jake Westbrook's first start in nearly two years.

Alex Rios added a solo homer off Tony Sipp in the eighth and ended the game with a diving catch on Travis Hafner's line drive to center. Buehrle, starting his club-record eighth opener, looked more like the four-time All-Star he is than the guy who won just twice after his perfect game against Tampa Bay on July 23.

He retired the last 10 batters he faced, struck out three and walked one. □

NL ROUNDUP

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Stewart, celebrating his 25th birthday, hit a solo homer off Yovani Gallardo (0-1). Carlos Gomez also homered in his Milwaukee debut.

Pirates 11, Dodgers 5

At Pittsburgh, Garrett Jones homered in his first two at-bats, pinch-hitter Ryan Church doubled home three runs and Pittsburgh started the new season the way it wound down 2009 by roughing up the

Dodgers.

The Pirates, coming off a record-setting 17th consecutive losing season, won on opening day for the fourth season in a row as Ryan Doumit added a three-run homer in the eighth off reliever George Sherrill. Doumit also doubled and scored twice.

The Pirates were forced to yank starter Zach Duke (1-0) in the fifth after only 79 pitches because they are batting the pitcher eighth. He

gave up two runs on seven hits over five innings.

Vicente Padilla (0-1) gave up seven runs and six hits in 4 1-3 innings for his first loss with Los Angeles.

Mets 7, Marlins 1

At New York, David Wright hit a two-run homer, Johan Santana pitched six effective innings and the Mets finally solved Josh Johnson.

Newcomers Jason Bay, Rod Barajas and Gary Matthews Jr. each got two hits for New York, which improved to a major league-best 32-17 (.653) on opening day.

Manager Jerry Manuel also got three scoreless innings from his beleaguered bullpen, which he said was his biggest concern entering the season. Cameron Maybin struck out swinging three times and Florida committed three errors during the Mets' four-run sixth. □

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Bogut set for surgery, Bucks push toward playoffs

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AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Before an ugly injury to center Andrew Bogut, the Milwaukee Bucks were regarded as a potentially dangerous first-round playoff opponent. Fans adopted “fear the deer” as their rallying cry, and the Bucks had knocked off several of the NBA’s top teams in recent weeks. Now instead of patrolling the paint for Milwaukee, Bogut will be recovering from multiple injuries and surgery while his teammates continue their playoff push without him.

Milwaukee can clinch a playoff berth with a win at Chicago on Tuesday, but these deer suddenly don’t seem as fierce.

“Nobody wants to see

another team’s player get hurt, especially in that kind of dramatic fashion like it happened,” Bucks coach Scott Skiles said Monday. “Yet at the same time, there could be some teams saying, ‘Man, I’m glad we don’t have to play Bogut tonight.’ It’s part of it. Our guys all understand it. There isn’t going to be anybody in Chicago shedding a tear for us that Andrew’s not playing tomorrow night.”

Bogut was scheduled to have surgery Monday, two days after he broke his right hand, sprained his wrist and dislocated his elbow in an arm-wrenching crash to the court during Saturday’s victory over Phoenix. The team had not yet officially ruled Bogut out for the season as of Monday afternoon, but a recovery in

time for the playoffs seemed unlikely. Bogut was having a breakout season before the injury, averaging 15.9 points, 10.2 rebounds and 2.5 blocks per game.

“It’s really disappointing for Andrew,” said veteran Jerry Stackhouse, a midseason acquisition for the Bucks. “I think he’s worked really hard to put this team in position to be in the playoffs, and be where we are right now. No way we’d be anywhere close to it without him. Just disappointing he doesn’t get an opportunity to taste it a little bit.”

In one sense, the Bucks are right back where they were a year ago — playing without a pair of cornerstone players, Bogut and Michael Redd, because of injuries.



Milwaukee Bucks' Andrew Bogut yells after being injured against the Phoenix Suns during the first half of an NBA basketball game Saturday, April 3, 2010, in Milwaukee.

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Pippen, Malone lead 2010 Hall of Fame class

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Karl Malone, Scottie Pippen and two of the best U.S. Olympic teams — including the 1992 Dream Team — were selected on Monday as part of the 2010 induction class for the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Malone and Pippen, both eligible for election for the first time, were part of that ‘92 Olympic team.

“This is a great moment. This is something that I never dreamed would happen to me as a player,” Pippen said. “This is very special to me as a kid who walked on at the University of Central Arkansas.”

NBA veterans Dennis Johnson and Gus Johnson and Brazil star Maciel “Ubiratan” Pereira will be honored posthumously. Los Angeles Lakers owner Jerry Buss, WNBA star Cynthia Cooper and U.S. high school coaching great Bob Hurley, Sr., were also in the class.

The 1960 and 1992 U.S. Olympic teams, which both



The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame class poses with their jerseys, Monday, April 5, 2010, in Indianapolis. Recipients, from left, are Larry Bird who is representing the 1992 USA Olympic team, Walt Bellamy who is representing the 1960 Olympic team, Scottie Pippen, Robert Hurley Sr., Cynthia Cooper, Donna Johnson wife of Dennis Johnson and Terry Johnson, brother of Gus Johnson.

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won Olympic gold medals, will be part of the induction ceremony on Aug. 13.

“Playing for your country is the ultimate,” said Larry Bird, who represented the team at Monday’s ceremony. “Our team was pretty special. We had some pretty good players.”

Bird also was thrilled by Dennis Johnson’s inclusion. “It’s very special. We’ve been waiting for this day for a long time,” he said. “He’s the best

player I ever played with.”

Dennis Johnson, a three-time NBA champion, was the MVP of the 1979 Finals with Seattle before taking over as the point guard on the Bird-led Boston Celtics teams of the mid-1980s. He died of a heart attack in 2007 at age 52. Pippen made seven All-Star teams during his 17-year NBA career and won six championships alongside Michael Jordan, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame last year. □

But they’re a better team with more to play for this time around. Milwaukee currently is sixth in the Eastern Conference and would clinch its first playoff berth since the 2005-06 season by beating the Bulls.

Skiles successfully guided the team through yet another season-ending knee injury to Redd back in January. But the injury to Bogut comes with only six games left in the regular season.

“You’d like a little more time to kind of tinker with things, and we don’t have that,” Skiles said. “It’s just the nature of what it is. Obviously, each guy’s got to do a little bit more.”

Veteran forward Kurt Thomas is expected to start Tuesday. Thomas, who is in his 15th NBA season, knows he’ll have to change his approach

to playing defense as a starter. “Coming off the bench, I don’t really have to worry about foul trouble,” Thomas said. “I can just go out there and hack and just do what I do best. But being in the starting lineup, I’ve definitely got to try not to get in early foul trouble.”

The Bucks do have more size on their bench in 6-foot-10 Ersan Ilyasova and 6-11 Dan Gadzuric, but neither can be expected to provide Bogut’s physical presence. Primož Brezec, a 7-1 center who has played sparingly since coming to the Bucks in a trade with Philadelphia in February, also could figure more prominently.

Mostly, the Bucks will rely on each of their more established players to do more.

“We’ll just have to do it as a committee now,” John Salmons said. □

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Tiger says he's coming back to win at Augusta

PAUL NEWBERRY,
AP National Writer

AUGUSTA, Georgia (AP) — While acknowledging he made some “incredibly poor decisions” in his personal life, Tiger Woods still thinks he can win the Masters — even coming back from a five-month layoff.

“Nothing’s changed,” Woods said Monday during an extraordinary 35-minute news conference at Augusta National. “I’m going to go out there and try to win this thing.”

In his first full-fledged session with the media since his life fell apart, Woods entered the interview room with a smile on his face and stopped to hug one of the green-jacketed club members, Ron Townsend. Woods again took full blame for his personal failings, but stopped short of providing many new details. He wouldn’t say why he entered rehab for 45 days nor would he go into specifics about his infamous November night car crash, other than to say it took five stitches to close a lip wound. “All I know is I acted just terribly,” said Woods, sporting the makings of a goatee. “I just made some incredibly bad decisions, decisions that hurt so many people close to me.”

He said his wife, Elin, would not be at Augusta. The couple’s marriage has been in limbo since revelations that he had multiple extramarital affairs during their 5½-year marriage.

Woods thanked his fellow golfers for the support he’s received since announcing his return to the PGA Tour and said he was pleasantly surprised how well the fans treated him during a practice round Monday. The outing was his first before a gallery since the sex scandal made him a tawdry tabloid fixture. He even flashed a bit of uncharacteristic charm, stopping to sign autographs — something he rarely does — while heading to the practice range to get in a few extra swings.

“The encouragement I got, it



blew me away,” he said. “It really did. The people here over the years, I know they’ve been extremely respectful. But today is just something that touched my heart pretty good.”

During the news conference, Woods said:

— He never used human growth hormone to recover from knee surgery, never took any illegal drug and hasn’t undergone treatment for addiction to prescription drugs.

— He plans to tone down his reactions — good and bad — on the course, and hopes to interact more with his fans during practice rounds.

— He “followed the letter of the law” after slamming his car into a fire hydrant and a tree outside his home, including not talking to police investigators.

In New York, adult film star Joslyn James, one of more than a dozen women who claims to have had an affair with Woods, watched the golfer’s news conference with her attorney, Gloria Allred, and a room full of reporters and television cameras at the Friar’s Club.

James has asked for an apology from Woods, saying he had not been truthful to her during their three-year relationship.

“I think he’s still a big, fat liar,” she said.

As for Woods’ assertion that he gained perspective after the birth of his two children, James claimed the golfer was with

her 10 days after his daughter was born. To his insistence that the last few years of deception were no fun, she said, “He was having a good time from what he told me.”

Woods has won 82 times around the world, including 14 major titles, but he speculated that he might have been even more successful if he had shown more control in his personal life.

“I would like to say yes,” Woods said. “I would be more centered, more balanced, and that’s where I’m headed towards. That’s what I’m working towards each and every day.”

Woods acknowledged reports that he was prescribed two drugs: the sleep aid Ambien and the painkiller Vicodin, the latter to deal with four knee operations and an Achilles’ injury.

“Most of the time I was on the Ambien was when my dad was sick and when my dad died. That was a tough time in my life,” he said. “I was still taking some of those things to help me sleep.”

Woods said he’s never received treatment for either drug, but wasn’t forthcoming when asked if Ambien played a role in his car crash.

“The police investigated the accident and they cited me 166 bucks and it’s a closed case,” he said.

Woods also addressed his dealings with Dr. Anthony Galea, a Canadian sports medicine physician who’s

been linked to performance-enhancing drugs and a disputed recovery treatment known as “blood spinning.”

“He’s worked with so many athletes,” Woods said. “There’s a certain comfort level to that when a person has worked with athletes.”

During his practice round, Woods heard shouts such as “Welcome back, Tiger!” and “Go get ‘em, Tiger!” There were no boos, though the applause when he approached each green was a bit more tepid than he received in previous appearances at Augusta National.

Still, it was a solid start in the process of restoring his image with fans and sponsors. Woods clearly was intent on mingling more with the fans than he did before the scandal. First, he putted a couple of balls to some kids watching alongside the 18th green. Then, a real surprise: Woods stopped to sign autographs while heading to the practice range.

Ashley Hawkins was beaming as she showed off an Augusta National flag that Woods signed. The golfer can only hope that most fans feel the way she does.

“I’m excited that he’s here,” Hawkins said. “I’m really rooting for him to win. His personal life is his personal life. I still think he’s a great golfer. That’s all that matters.”

Several big-name sponsors dropped Woods, while Procter & Gamble Co.’s Gillette unit distanced itself from the golfer

by no longer including him in its ads. But the company said in a statement Monday that it looks forward to seeing Woods return to the course — and took note of his new facial hair.

“The goatee is part of a well-groomed look,” the razor and shaving cream company said. John Sweeney, director of sports communication at the University of North Carolina’s School of Journalism and Mass Communication, said the news conference did little to help or hurt Woods’ marketability and is unlikely to change the minds of the companies that dropped him, including Accenture and Gatorade.

“He’s doing some proper things to repair an incredibly damaged legacy, but it’s going to take a couple of years here,” Sweeney said.

Woods, who practiced with Fred Couples and was joined for the final five holes by Jim Furyk, said he felt at peace when he stepped on the course.

“I’ve had some great years,” Woods said. “Unfortunately, what I’ve done over the past years to my family was just terrible. The fact that I won golf tournaments is irrelevant.”

Couples said it might be too soon to expect Woods to be a contender in the first major of the year.

“His intimidation factor is always there, but you have to play good golf and he hasn’t played much,” Couples said. “It would be crazy for me to say he’s not going to do well. But it would be crazy to say he’s the guy to beat because he hasn’t played a competitive round of golf in five or six months.”

“If he’s in the lead on Sunday, he’ll have no problem. If he’s not, he’ll say, ‘Here’s what I need to work on. I came out, I played, I saw everybody and now I’m ready to start golfing.’”

Win or lose, Woods is clearly thrilled to be back on the course.

“It feels fun again,” he said. “That’s been missing.” □

Kids find the “golden egg” at Holiday Inn



PALM BEACH – Locals and tourists alike enjoyed Easter Sunday morning searching for eggs filled with candy and fun at the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort. At exactly 11 am, the activities department with the help from Disney Recreation set dozens of children loose in the garden in search of lots of eggs filled with surprises and a goal to find the golden and



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Ellen Sedlis Award.

Aruban Born Esther Ruth Harms Is Honored Twice In Massachusetts



ORANJESTAD - Ruth Harms, case management supervisor for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County, a program of the Center for Human Development, was honored April 1 by the Northwestern Children's Advocacy Project with its Ellen Sedlis Award which is presented to someone whose work demonstrates a long-term commitment to helping children recover from abuse. The Northwestern Children's Advocacy Project is a nonprofit arm of the Northwestern District Attorney's Office.

Ruth has been a case manager for Big Brothers Big Sisters for 20 years.

She supervises the program's other case managers and also carries her own case load. Big Brothers Big Sisters provides one-to-one mentoring relationships to children in need of positive adult influence and friendship. "Ruth is a truly extraordinary and dedicated professional who brings amazing integrity, compassion, and competence to her work with children and families," said Renee Moss, program director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County, who

nominated Ruth for the award.

As part of her responsibilities in maintaining a caseload of about 40 matches, Ruth stays in close contact with the parents of the children, meets monthly with the mentors to provide supervision and support, and helps organize program activities and events that help build a sense of community for the children in the program. She is also quite involved in fundraising activities that are critical to the continuation of the program.

"We congratulate Harms on this well-deserved honor," said John Roberson, director of CHD's Children & Families division. "She exemplifies what Big Brothers Big Sisters

is all about, and her service and devotion to the children of Hampshire County far exceed the requirements of her job."

Massachusetts Senate Citation. The Ellen Sedlis Award was not the only recognition that was bestowed upon Ruth Harms. A week before, she was honored by the Massachusetts Senate with a Citation signed by Senator Stanley C. Rosenberg that reads: "In recognition of your outstanding dedication and many valuable contributions for twenty years to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County"

After graduating in 1973 from the American Community School of Beirut, Lebanon, Ruth obtained her B.A degree in Anthropology from Macalester College of St. Paul, MN in 1977 and her M.A. degree in Social Work from University of Missouri in Columbus, MO in 1979.



Holyoke, MA. Surrounded by her family, Ruth Harms shows off the Ellen Sedlis Award she has just received from Northwestern Children's Advocacy Project.

Ruth Harms is the daughter of Clyde Harms, president of the ArubaScholarshipFoundation, and the late Beatriz Lopez-Henriquez. Herm husband Dr. Stephen Hickman is an associate pediatrician at Amherst Pediatrics. The couple celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary

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SALINA CERCA – Juni, the friendly and efficient warehouse & delivery man, celebrated one year with EQ3 and was given a festive store party on the occasion. Juni has been with EQ3 almost



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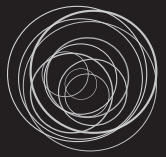
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Now that your emotions and logic are aligned toward your desires, picture yourself physically in your successful life. Put yourself into action in your fantasy life. How do you spend your time? What do you do each day? The next time

you're in your car, imagine that you're driving your BMW convertible along the coast, on your way from choosing furniture for your new beach bungalow. Taking physical action within your fantasies will help solidify them into three dimensions.

Now that a few different aspects of your self are aligned toward your future fantasy life, think of the new desires your successful self will strive for. When you become abundant, will you want to start a charitable foundation? Will you want to travel the world? Your desires will change, but you must always have desires. We should never stop pursuing goals, although they will change as we grow. When we stop striving for things, we stop growing and stagnate in boredom.

Define what you want and imagine yourself in your fantasy life, in as many ways as possible. This will align your bodies toward a common goal, which solves half the problem. The remaining necessity is action. You must take physical action that brings you closer to your goal. As moments pass with everything you do, ask yourself if your time and action in that moment are bringing you closer to your goal. If not, what must you change in order to be able to

work toward your goal?

Tomorrow we will look at the road blocks and resistance we create in order to sabotage our own efforts, to unconsciously insure that we don't reach our goals.

Until Tomorrow...

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~Quentin Danziger

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Naturally sweetened banana bread

By Kirsten Dirksen

Banana bread is a great way to use up those bananas going soft on your counter. Bananas are also a great way alternative to refined sugar. The ideal bananas for making banana bread are actually those that you may be less interested in eating. So the next time some of your bananas get overripe instead of tossing them, either consider making a loaf of banana bread or simply freeze them for when you are ready to bake.

By simply putting bananas in the freezer, you will stop the ripening process. The skins will turn black, but once you're ready to use them simply defrost them with their peels on and once they're thawed peel them and they're ready to be cooked.

Getting our sugar from whole fruits

Bananas are a really healthy

alternative to processed sugar.

While fructose is a sugar, it's nothing to be afraid of -- in moderation -- when found in whole fruits. Fruits are not only packed with vitamins and minerals, but they're full of fiber.

Bananas -- with about 2 to 4 grams of fiber per fruit -- are one of the top five fruits rich in fiber (others are pears, apples, figs, and blackberries), which helps to cut the risk of diseases like diabetes and heart disease.

Sugar-free banana bread recipe:

Many of these ingredients can be left out since bananas have such a distinctive flavor. So if you find yourself without baking powder, cinnamon, vanilla, nuts, or even salt, you can leave them all out and still bake up a tasty loaf of bread.

Ingredients



3 mashed bananas
 1/3 cup vegetable oil or melted butter (you can substitute the oil or butter with applesauce)

2 eggs
 2 cup flour (can be white, whole wheat, spelt, you can experiment here)

1 teaspoon baking soda
 2 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1 cup chopped nuts
 Pinch of salt

Directions

Mash bananas in a bowl. Add oil (or butter) and eggs and mix until creamy.

Mix in the flour, baking soda, baking powder, vanilla,

cinnamon, and salt.

Stir in the nuts.

Oil a 9x5 inch loaf pan.

Pour mixture into pan.

Bake at 325°F for 45 minutes to an hour. To check if it's done, insert a knife or toothpick in center and if it comes out clean, it's cooked.

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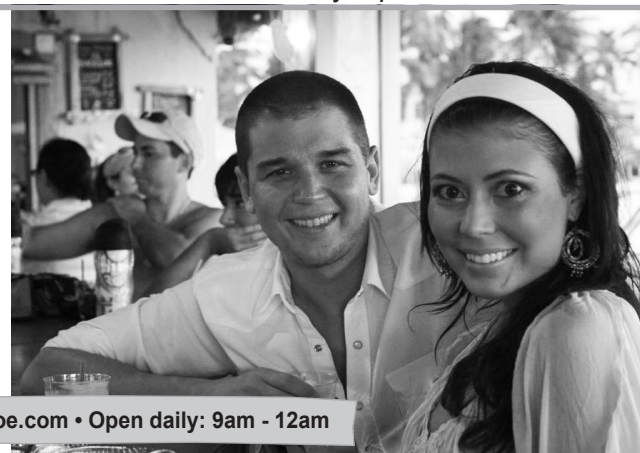


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Labega gets six years in jail for coke transport

~ Marechaussee among 11 others convicted ~

SCHIPHOL - - Demari Labega, son of a St. Maarten politician and former Member of Parliament (MP), was sentenced to a jail term of six years for his role in the transport of ten kilos of cocaine from St. Maarten to the Netherlands in early September 2009.

The Haarlem Court considered proven that 26-year-old US-born Labega, together with 11 other suspects mainly from Suriname and the Netherlands, had prepared and executed the transport of 10 kilos of cocaine on board a regular flight. The 12 suspects were sentenced to more than 56 years combined. The six-year sentence for Labega was higher than the 5.5 years the prosecutor had demanded for all suspects in the so-called Costa case.

Labega's lawyer Leandro Thomas said his client would appeal the verdict. "We are disappointed and also a bit angry," said Thomas, who was present at the hearing together with his client's father.

Labega was arrested in St. Maarten on Christmas Day 2009 and transported to the Netherlands about a week later.

According to the lawyer, the punishment is too severe, because his client did not have a criminal record like many of the other suspects. Also, the evidence against his client was based on a telephone conversation between co-suspects R.F. and M.K., who referred to Labega as the "big boy." Labega denies all allegations of his involvement.

But the court considered proven that Labega had had a "crucial and indispensable role." He was the contact person for the drugs suppliers

in St. Maarten and those who placed the cocaine on board the aircraft on September 3, 2009. Labega also went to the Netherlands on August 28 for negotiations and discussions on the execution of the transport.

Furthermore, Labega gave the order to place the drugs on board the flight and informed the suspects in the Netherlands on the area in the aircraft where the drugs were hidden. A member of the Marechaussee in St. Maarten assisted in taking pictures of aircraft storage areas. Marechaussee R.T. was sentenced to 18 months in prison because he had only assisted and was not part of actually organising the transport.

According to the court, the suspects used coded language in their telephone conversations, which were tapped by Justice authorities. The suspects used words like models, marry, breads, soccer games, star player, vegetables and doors, words that did not make sense in the context of the conversation. They used the words "game dates" for the dates of flights from St. Maarten to Amsterdam.

Photos of hiding areas in aircraft's storage compartments which were sent to the Netherlands were intercepted by the authorities. The photos matched the area where authorities at Schiphol Airport discovered the drugs when the aircraft arrived in the morning hours of September 4, 2009. In the original plan, some of the suspects were to have taken the cocaine out of the aircraft and from there it was to have been sold on the Dutch market.

The court took the organised crime aspect in this case very

seriously. The court argued that organisers of drugs transports made the most profit, much more than the couriers. "In their pursuit of making a profit and their hunger for money, they put aside considerations of people's and the society's interests." The judge also spoke of a "refined manner" of using storage compartments in

aircraft and deploying airport employees, such as employees of airlines and luggage handling companies and members of the Customs Department and Marechaussee. According to the court, this had a "corruptive effect." The court exceeded the demands of the prosecutor. According to the court, the demand did not give sufficient

weight to the severity of the facts. A Surinamese living in the Netherlands received the highest prison sentence. R.F. was sentenced to 7.5 years in prison because of his leading role. Together with co-suspect U.A., F. travelled to St. Maarten in the summer of 2009 to negotiate with the drugs suppliers. □

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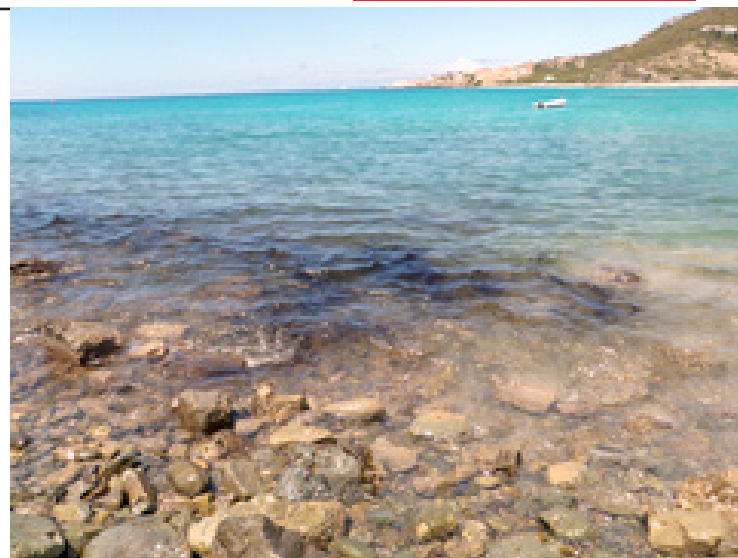
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**Harbour urges GEBE to clean
up act after oil spill**

CAY BAY--A second oil spill for the year in Cay Bay occurred Friday and appears to have been caused by utilities company GEBE again. This time, St. Maarten Harbour Group of Companies has taken a strong stance.

Harbour CEO/Master Mark Mingo is demanding GEBE make the necessary changes to prevent this from happening again and ensure it is properly equipped for quick response in an emergency. This demand is also to be formally addressed with the company.

GEBE was contacted for a comment on the spill, but no information was received up to press time. After the spill in February, the company had said there was a security firm that monitored the area to prevent spillage or to quickly report any before it escalates.

The surface of Cay Bay was coated in oil and the smell of fuel tainted the area, especially at Seaside Nature Park where a number of families with small children opted to spend Good Friday. Their fun day of swimming, horseback riding, and bonding with nature was marred by the spill.

A furious Mingo said after the spill more than a month ago, it was hoped that GEBE would have put all precautions in place to prevent another massive spill. He said while it is understandable that everything doesn't work perfectly every time, as a responsible company, GEBE should pay more attention to its practices.

The Harbour Group has the concession for Great Bay and Cay Bay with the CEO holding the post of Harbour Master. The group oversees the proper used of the Dutch side's coastal waters.

Mingo said aside from the damage to the ocean and water quality, there is even more concern about the impact for residents and the environment, in general.

"After one spill, and seeing what that has done to the rocky beach and nature, it is only right to make changes to prevent a second one," Mingo said. The faulty outlet should have been fixed and the general area thoroughly checked for any other weak point, he added. "If any was found, it should have been taken care of."

Mingo was with his family at the nature park when he learnt of the spill. Harbour Chief Operating Officer Keith Franca was also on site later after calling the Coast Guards to take water samples and a report.

Franca told The Daily Herald that from eyewitnesses' reports, the spill started around 7:30am. The source of the spill can only be the Cay Bay power plant as it is the only one in the area in production, he said.

According to Seaside Nature Park officials, the air smelt of fuel and the bay was coated with "this black stuff." The staffers took photos of the spill and these were given to the Coast Guard for its report.

Environmental activist Rueben Thompson was also on site to survey the extent of the damage caused by the spill. □

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The Future of an Illusion

Elliott Abrams

Those who cannot remember the past are condemned, it seems, to direct the Middle East policy of the Obama administration.

Since the Oslo Accords of 1993, 17 years of efforts under three American presidents and six Israeli prime ministers have taught five clear lessons. Each of them is being ignored by President Obama, which is why his own particular “peace process” has so greatly harmed real efforts at peace. Today the only factor uniting Palestinian, Israeli, and Arab leaders is distrust of the quality, sagacity, and reliability of American leadership in the region.

The patching-up efforts of the last two weeks were impressive, but perversely:

They showed how much damage had been done and how little the administration cares about reversing it. Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, against whom Obama was said to be “boiling with rage” after the Jerusalem housing announcement, got the complete slate of Washington meetings: Clinton, Gates, Biden, Obama. But the meetings were virtually secret: The White House did not permit a single photo to be taken of the Oval Office session, an unprecedented snub. Same at State: no ceremony, no press conference.

For her part, Secretary Clinton told the giant AIPAC meeting, “Our credibility in this process depends in part on our willingness to praise both sides when they are courageous, and when we don’t agree, to say so, and say so unequivocally.” Several recent Palestinian actions, she said, were “provocations” that are “wrong and must be condemned.” That was nice, but saying it to a Jewish audience in a kiss-and-make-up session in Washington fools no one, not after her famous 43-minute telephone call to Netanyahu. These “provocations . . . that must be condemned” (note the passive voice) did not after all elicit a timely call to Palestinian Authority president Mahmoud Abbas condemning them, nor did she use the Quartet meeting in Moscow on March 19 for that purpose. And general administration protestations that the United States is committed to Israel’s security and that relations are “rock solid” now carry little persuasive power; they sound like Obama’s (and for that matter Clinton’s) campaign rhetoric, and everyone knows how useful a guide to administration policy all of that proved to be.

What are the lessons the Obama team is ignoring?

1. Israel’s flexibility is dependent on its sense of security.

Martin Indyk, Bill Clinton’s ambassador to Israel, put it this way in his memoirs: “The record . . . suggests that American presidents can be more successful when they put their arms around Israeli prime ministers and encourage them to move forward, rather than attempt to browbeat them into submission.” During the George W. Bush years, the leader of the Israeli right, Ariel Sharon, decided to abandon the idea of a “Greater Israel,” impose constraints on settlement construction in the West Bank (no new settlements, no outward expansion of settlement territory), and remove every settlement in Gaza and four small ones in the West Bank. His closest advisers say all of this was possible for him only in the context of unwavering American support for Israel’s security steps—including the targeting and killing of Hamas terrorists and the refusal to deal with a terrorist leader like Arafat. What was the turning point for Sharon? Bush’s June 24, 2002, speech, where he abandoned Arafat, denounced Palestinian terrorism, and said thorough reforms were the only possible basis for Palestinian statehood. Reassured, Sharon began to act. Contrast this with the Obama administration, where Israel has been “condemned”—the toughest word in the diplomatic dictionary—for a housing project. Instead of seeking practical and politically feasible limits to settlement activity, the Obama approach has been to say every brick cemented to another was “illegitimate.”

Israelis know that these American denunciations of Israel liberate Europeans and others to crank up their own, and so it has been this past year: Israel has been increasingly isolated and criticized internationally. Once we used “condemn,” it was impossible (even if we were trying, which we were not) to keep it out of Quartet and EU statements. Add a few other international assaults (the Goldstone Report on the Gaza war, for instance) and American acts of distancing (the president visits Cairo and Riyadh but skips Israel, for example), and Israelis are in no mood for additional risktaking. Who, after all, will have their back if things get rough? Hillary Clinton told AIPAC that “the status quo is unsustainable,” as if just about anything we can get on paper would be better. Such phrases do not inspire Israeli confidence that their country’s security is anywhere near the top

of the administration’s list. All this should be elementary, but it seems to have escaped the Obama White House.

2. The failure to set standards for Palestinian conduct hurts the cause of peace.

In the Bill Clinton years, the foreign leader who visited the White House most often was Yasser Arafat—13 times. Who can blame Arafat for failing to take seriously criticism of his “alleged links” to terrorism when the invitations kept on coming? For years, American officials of both parties have said the “incitement must end,” but they have imposed no penalty for its failure to end. When in March the Palestinian Authority (PA) named a square for a terrorist involved in an attack in 1978 that killed 38 Israelis, including 13 children, Obama, Biden, and Clinton were silent. Lower-ranking officials tut-tutted. In Palestinian society, the veneration of this terrorist, Dalal Mughrabi, is widespread; Fatah, not Hamas, is the one celebrating Mughrabi. PA radio and television incite hatred of Israel and Jews with regularity, as Palestinian Media Watch and MEMRI document every month. In recent weeks the Obama administration has stated that both sides have responsibilities to meet, but it made no serious demands of the PA. Had there been early and regular insistence that incitement end, the Mughrabi incident would never have taken place. The price for such negligence is being paid in both Israeli and Palestinian society: Every such action and every vicious broadcast helps persuade Israelis that Palestinians do not truly seek peace and helps raise a new generation of Palestinians who see Jews as enemies to hate, not neighbors with whom to reach an accommodation. This infantilization of Palestinian society, moreover, moves it further from the responsibilities of statehood, for it holds harmless the most destructive elements of West Bank life and suggests that standards of decency are not necessarily part of progress toward “peace.”

A tough demand that all the incitement end now—no more terrorist squares, a clean-up of Palestinian broadcasting, the replacement of offending school textbooks—would both help Palestinian moderates undertake these actions and reassure Israelis that President Obama shares at least some of their concerns about the ability of Palestinians to negotiate and sustain a peace deal. The silence thus far, the unconvincing and rote handling of



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this issue, leaves the impression that Obama simply wants a deal signed and doesn’t much care about what happens after that. Like his distancing himself from Israel and his apparent lack of concern for Israeli security, this undermines any chance of successful peace talks.

3. Israeli withdrawals do not lead to peace unless law and order can be maintained by responsible security forces.

Israelis learned this the hard way in South Lebanon and Gaza, and it is unquestionably the greatest factor leading them to oppose a similar withdrawal from the West Bank. The Labor party leader Ehud Barak is not viewed in Israel as a hardliner; when he was prime minister he offered Arafat a dramatic peace proposal in 2000. But when, as defense minister, he met with President Bush in 2008 he handed over, and raised repeatedly in later meetings with Secretary Rice, a list of Israel’s security needs in the West Bank. He and Netanyahu (and the vast majority of Israelis) are of one mind on this: Terrorism from Gaza is a security challenge for Israel, but terrorism from the West Bank threatens Israel’s survival. There has been considerable progress in training Palestinian security forces, but no one believes they can yet maintain order without the presence of the IDF and Shin Bet. Those who say, as George Mitchell—Obama’s special envoy to the Middle East—and the Quartet have, that there can be a peace deal in 24 months are saying that fundamental security issues can be finessed or forgotten. Of course they can if your goal is a piece of paper—or, perhaps better put, a paper peace. If you want a real and lasting peace, you must have the answer to the question: What will fill the vacuum when Israeli forces leave? Today the answer is chaos or Hamas, and any prediction

that in 24 months these matters will be resolved shows a lack of seriousness. Palestinians who value law and order and seek to build a decent society, as well as Jordanians who worry what forces will be across the river from them, cannot be so cavalier. This brings us back to lesson one: If the United States is intent on a deal in 24 months no matter what, Israelis will understand that we are not going to protect their security and that we’ll complain when they assert the need to do it themselves.

4. The Israeli-Palestinian dispute is not the center of world, Arab, or Muslim politics.

George Mitchell once acknowledged that when he talks to Arab leaders they raise Iran first, but no one in the administration wants to allow mere facts to interfere with their ideology. George W. Bush was as close as any American president ever has been to Israel, but had excellent relations with the Moroccan, Algerian, Emirati, Omani, Bahraini, Kuwaiti, Saudi, and Jordanian rulers—all except the Egyptians, who were annoyed that he thought they should have free elections. Paying attention to what Arab political leaders say publicly about Israel is foolish, for their real views consist of tough-minded assessments of the balance of power in the region. What they want most of all is calm; they do not want their streets riled up by Israeli-Palestinian violence. Palestinians are not at the center of their hearts or they would visit the West Bank and bring plenty of cash with them. What preoccupies them is survival and Iran. If they take any lesson from the current coldness between the United States and Israel, it is that the United States is not a reliable ally. If we can ditch Israel, they know we can far more easily ditch them. □

Rusia vendería 5.000 millones de dólares en armas a Venezuela

MOSCU (Reuters) - Las ventas de armamento ruso a Venezuela podrían totalizar hasta 5.000 millones de dólares, dijo el lunes el primer ministro de Rusia, Vladimir Putin, tras regresar de una visita a la nación sudamericana.

Putin se reunió con el presidente venezolano, Hugo Chávez, en Caracas el viernes para discutir temas acerca de petróleo, defensa y cooperación en energía nuclear, pese a que no fueron firmados nuevos acuerdos sobre armas.

Estados Unidos ha expresado frecuentemente su preocupación sobre las ventas de armas de Rusia a Venezuela, uno de sus enemigos más fuertes en la región.

Chávez dijo que su creciente arsenal está destinado a



Imagen de archivo del presidente de Venezuela, Hugo Chávez, dando la bienvenida al primer ministro de Rusia, Vladimir Putin, en el Palacio Miraflores, Caracas. Abr 2 2010. REUTERS/Miraflores Palace/archivo

agencia de noticias RIA. Los reportes de la prensa no dieron más detalles.

En Washington, el portavoz del Departamento de Estado P.J. Crowley dijo: “Estamos bajo fuerte presión para ver qué necesidad de defensa legítima tiene Venezuela para este equipamiento”.

“Si Venezuela va a incrementar su sistema militar, ciertamente no queremos ver este sistema migrar a otras partes del hemisferio”, agregó en un encuentro con la prensa. En los últimos años, Venezuela ha comprado más de 4.000 millones de dólares en armas de Rusia, desde aviones de combate Sukhoi hasta rifles de asalto Kalashnikov.

Durante su visita a Moscú en septiembre, Chávez reconoció la independencia de territorios rebeldes pro-rusos en Georgia. El presidente Dmitry Medvedev dijo en ese momento que Rusia proveería a Venezuela con todas las armas que le solicitara. Chávez quiere reforzar el Ejército venezolano con misiles rusos, tanques y submarinos. El mandatario ha dicho que su objetivo es resistir a lo que denomina el imperialismo estadounidense en Latinoamérica. □

Presidente Colombia ve difícil acuerdo con FARC

BOGOTÁ (Reuters) - El presidente de Colombia, Álvaro Uribe, reconoció el lunes que es difícil concretar un diálogo de paz o un acuerdo con las FARC para la liberación de 22 policías y militares secuestrados, y anunció que insistirá en el rescate militar de los rehenes hasta el fin de su Gobierno. Durante las honras fúnebres del coronel Julián Ernesto Guevara, un oficial de la policía que murió en cautiverio después de un prolongado secuestro por parte de las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC), el mandatario reiteró sus críticas contra el grupo rebelde.

“Así como tenemos toda la firmeza para combatir el terrorismo, hemos tenido toda la flexibilidad para facilitar las liberaciones unilaterales”, dijo el mandatario refiriéndose a las condiciones que facilitó su Gobierno para las liberaciones del sargento Pablo Emilio Moncayo, del soldado Josué Daniel Calvo y la entrega de los restos de Guevara. “Lo que no podemos permitir es que se pase de dar facilidades para liberaciones unilaterales a abrir las puertas de las cárceles para que salgan los criminales de la mayor peligrosidad a engrosar las filas del terrorismo”, advirtió. Las FARC, consideradas como una organización terrorista por Estados Unidos y la Unión Europea, buscan un acuerdo con el Gobierno para intercambiar a 22 miembros del Ejército y de la Policía Nacional que mantienen secuestrados en la selva, a cambio de la excarcelación de cientos de rebeldes. “Cuando se habla de canje, eso suena como a mercancía, eso da la sensación de que las circunstancias son iguales cuando en un caso hay un criminal de peligrosidad en la cárcel rodeado de las garantías, de los derechos humanos y en el otro caso hay un compatriota honorable en la tortura del cautiverio de los secuestrados”, afirmó el mandatario colombiano. □

contrarrestar un planeado incremento de las fuerzas militares estadounidenses en la vecina Colombia, el aliado más cercano a Washington en Latinoamérica.

“Nuestra delegación acaba de volver de Venezuela y el volumen general de órdenes podría exceder los 5.000 millones de dólares”, dijo Putin en una reunión con funcionarios de la industria

de armamento, según fue citado por agencias de noticias rusas.

Putin precisó que la cifra incluye 2.200 millones de dólares en líneas de crédito para la compra de armas rusas que recibió Chávez durante su octava visita a Moscú en septiembre del 2009, incluyendo tanques T-72 y un avanzado sistema de defensa antiaérea S-300, reportó la

Votantes Bolivia dicen a Morales que olvide hegemonía

LA PAZ (Reuters) - El presidente izquierdista de Bolivia, Evo Morales, tendría que olvidarse de sus ambiciones de hegemonía tras los comicios regionales del domingo, que dejaron un sabor agri dulce en las hace poco victoriosas huestes oficialistas.

Medios y analistas señalaron el lunes que, en unos comicios en los que todos encontraron motivos para celebrar, el partido Movimiento al Socialismo (MAS) de Morales avanzó departamentos -donde se eligieron los primeros gobiernos autonómicos-, pero recibió dolorosas cachetadas en las ciudades.

Según proyecciones de la mayoría de cadenas privadas de televisión -única fuente de resultados a falta de cifras oficiales-, el MAS ganó las gobernaciones de seis de los nueve

departamentos mientras la oposición se hizo con las alcaldías de siete de las 10 ciudades más importantes.

Analistas coincidieron en que los resultados del domingo no pusieron en riesgo, aunque sí señalaron límites, a la “revolución” indigenista y socialista de Morales, quien inició en enero su segundo mandato con un 64 por ciento de respaldo electoral y mayoría calificada en las dos cámaras legislativas.

“El presidente creyó que el pueblo lo iba a seguir a pie juntillas, que el aparato del MAS era imparable, pero ahora tiene que saber que éste en un país ultrademocrático, en el que la soberbia es un pecado capital”, dijo la principal conductora y analista de la cadena radial Erbol, Amalia Pando. □

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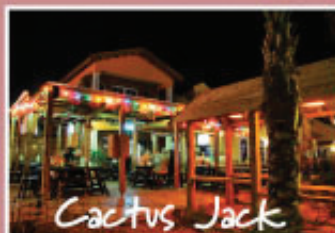


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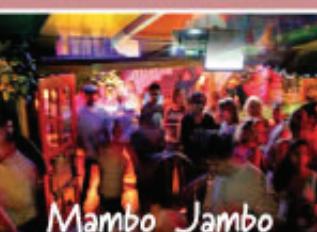
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